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### ADDICTION COUNSELING EXAMINERS LICENSURE

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**4.5-02.1-01-01. Definitions.** For the purposes of this title, "clinical training" means practicum.

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**4.5-02.1-01-02. Licensure application.** An application for a license to practice addiction counseling must be made to the state board of addiction counseling examiners on forms approved by the board. Each application for license must be accompanied by all of the following:

1. The required fee.
2. An official transcript verifying academic requirements and degree.
3. An official document verifying clinical training completion.
4. Documentation verifying a passing score on board-approved examinations.

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**4.5-02.1-01-03. Academic requirements.** Academic requirements related to the licensing of addiction counselors must be completed at an accredited college or university. A bachelor's degree is required for applications made before January 1, 2005. A bachelor's degree in addiction studies or a closely related social science or health care field is required for applications made after December 31, 2004. A minimum of thirty-two total credit hours in addiction studies is required. The thirty-two credit hours must include academic course content in the following areas:

**1. Practice.**

a. Curriculum content:

- (1) Treatment methods and models;
- (2) Interviewing process, skills, and techniques;
- (3) Individual and group counseling;
- (4) Assessment and diagnosis models, including current diagnostic manual of the American psychiatric association;
- (5) Testing instruments;
- (6) Intervention approaches for individuals, groups, and families;
- (7) Documentation, report writing, and recordkeeping; and
- (8) Verbal communication skills.

b. Examples of courses with such content:

- (1) Introduction to individual counseling;
- (2) Introduction to group counseling;
- (3) Advanced counseling; and
- (4) Theories in practice of psychotherapy.

**2. Ethics.**

a. Curriculum content.

- (1) Professional competence and standards;
- (2) Values and societal obligations;
- (3) Ethics and codes of conduct for professionals;

- (4) Ethical decisionmaking;
- (5) Malpractice and liability;
- (6) Legal aspects of practice; and
- (7) Federal and state regulations.

b. Examples of courses with such content include professional ethics.

### 3. **Theory.**

a. Curriculum content.

- (1) Human development, tasks, and issues across life span;
- (2) Family functioning, family types, and addiction in families;
- (3) Group dynamics and group process;
- (4) Psychopathology, mental health, and mental illness;
- (5) Dynamics of addiction;
- (6) Substance abuse and alcoholism;
- (7) Pharmacology and human biology;
- (8) AIDS and HIV;
- (9) Alcoholics anonymous, the twelve steps, and twelve steps support group;
- (10) Social and cultural theory; and
- (11) Communication process and theory.

b. Examples of courses with such content:

- (1) Marriage and the family;
- (2) Psychopathology;
- (3) Pharmacology;
- (4) Theories of personality;
- (5) Dynamics of addiction;

- (6) Child psychology and development;
- (7) Adolescent psychology and development; and
- (8) Adult psychology and development.

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**4.5-02.1-01-04. Clinical training requirements.** The completion of one thousand four hundred hours in a clinical training program approved by the board is required for licensure. The trainee's registration and successful completion of the clinical training program must be verified in writing with the board by the clinical supervisor or clinical training program director.

1. Qualifications. To be eligible for registration as a clinical trainee, the following must be met:
  - a. All core academic coursework must be completed, with the exception that two courses may be completed while registered as a clinical trainee.
  - b. Acceptance in a board-approved addiction counseling clinical training program or a board-approved individualized clinical training plan.
2. Registration. Clinical training program operators requesting to register their clinical trainees shall make formal application to the board documenting their clinical trainees above qualifications.
3. Expiration. An individual's clinical trainee registration expires after two years. The clinical training period may be extended due to clinical supervisors' recommendations, individual circumstance, health circumstances, or other personal matters. Extension of the clinical portion of training is the responsibility of the clinical supervisor or clinical training program director.
4. Applicants who complete clinical training not approved by the board must demonstrate that the clinical training completed was substantially equivalent to that required by North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-45 and article 4.5-02.1

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**4.5-02.1-01-05. Examinations.** Two levels of examination may occur in the licensing process:

1. A written examination consisting of a knowledge-based objective test. The written examination may be taken when offered any time after the completion of the required academic coursework.
2. An oral examination using a performance-based case history and interview. Only individuals who have completed their clinical training will be considered eligible for the oral examination.

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**4.5-02.1-01-06. Reciprocity.** An applicant licensed by another state, territory of the United States, or province of Canada or certified by a national addiction counselor certifying organization may be licensed by the board if:

1. The applicant's license or certification is in good standing.
2. The applicant demonstrates that the academic, clinical training, and examination requirements required for the license or certification is substantially the same as required under North Dakota Century Code chapter 43-45 and article 4.5-02.1

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**4.5-02.1-01-07. Fees.** The board has adopted the following fee payment schedule:

1. Initial license fee	\$150.00
2. Annual renewal of license fee	\$100.00
3. Private practice initial fee	\$ 50.00
4. Private practice annual renewal fee	\$ 25.00
5. Late fee	\$100.00

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